

## REMARKS

This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 24, 2007 in which claim 11 was objected to and 31 was rejected. With this response, claim 31 has been amended and dependent claim 54 is added. With this response Claims 10-12, 14, 31, 32, and 54 are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

### I. Rejection of claim 31 under 35 USC 102(b) Based on Yokota

Section 3 of the Office Action rejected claim 31 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Yokota. (US Patent 6,473,152).

Independent claim 31 has been amended to clarify that one or more of the flexible legs comprises a spring. Claim 31, as amended, overcomes the rejection under 35 USC 102(b). Yokota does not teach that support legs 1a to 1c comprise springs. As seen in FIG. 1, the Yokota support legs 1a to 1c serving as support means are "rotated with respect to the apparatus 100" and "they fix the apparatus 100 while forming a height adjusting portion." Accordingly, claim 31 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants request withdraw of the rejection of independent claim 31.

### II. Added Claim

With this response, claim 54 has been added. Because claim 54 is dependent on claim 31 and claim 31 is allowable for the above reasons, claim 54 is also allowable.

### III. Claim Objection

Section 2 of the Office Action objected to claim 11 because claim 11 is dependent on the cancelled claim 9. Claim 11 has been amended to correct typographical errors. The claim now depends upon claim 10. Withdrawal of the objection to these claims is requested.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Section 5 of the Office Action indicated that claim 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because claim 32 is dependent on claim 31 and claim 31 is allowable for the above reasons, claim 32 is also allowable.

V. Conclusion

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 10-12, 14, 31, 32, and 54 are now pending in this application.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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